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E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: MALAGASY OFFICER LT. COL. VICTORIEN REMI RATSIMBAZAFY  
RETURNS FROM NORTH KOREA.

REFS: (A) 77 ANT 1804, (B) IR 6860 0014 78

1. LT. COL. RATSIMBAZAFY, WHO LEFT FOR TWO YEARS OF  
MILITARY TRAINING IN NORTH KOREA, HAS BEEN MEDICALLY  
EVACUATED TO MADAGASCAR, SUFFERING FROM A STOMACH ULCER,  
AND WILL NOT GO BACK TO KOREA. SINCE HIS RETURN HE HAS BEEN  
BAD-MOUTHING THE NORTH KOREAN REGIME IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES  
AND TO ALL COMERS. SINCE HE DID NOT WANT TO GO TO KOREA IN  
THE FIRST PLACE, THE SUSPICION NATURALLY ARISES THAT HE  
MIGHT HAVE MADE USE OF SPECIAL MALAGASY TECHNIQUES AND HERBS  
TO HELP BRING ABOUT HIS RETURN. HE EXPLAINS HIS OUTSPOKEN-  
NESS BY SAYING THAT THIS IS THE SAFEST COURSE FOR HIM, AS  
HE WAS ALREADY KNOWN TO BE CRITICAL OF THE NORTH KOREAN REGIME.  
ON THE OTHER HAND, IT MAY BE THE COMPLETE FRANKNESS AND  
HEEDLESSNESS OF A MAN WHO HAS NOTHING TO LOSE, AS THE COLONEL  
MAY WELL BELIEVE, ALTHOUGH HE HAS NOT SAID SO, THAT HIS  
MILITARY CAREER IS OVER.

2. FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE COLONEL'S RETURN IS  
CONTAINED IN MEMORANDA OF CONVERSATION AND IN REF B.  
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MEANWHILE, THE TRAINING PROGRAM FOR MALAGASY OFFICERS IN  
NORTH KOREA GOES ON. BARRETT

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